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DOSAAF - Komsomol Cooperation

1. "In October 1953, the Komsomol committees and the organizational committees of the DOSAAF (Association of Voluntary Assistance to the Army, Air Force and Navy) in the towns and raions of the Estonian SSR began holding joint meetings. The main item on all agendas has been 'the necessity to strengthen and speed up the military training of the youth of the country'.
2. "At these meetings it has been said that 'the 19th Congress of the CPSU [Communist Party of the Soviet Union] demands that the country be resolutely and in every possible way brought to a state of active defense against the possible new provocations of the US imperialists'.
3. "The following resolutions have been adopted at these meetings:
 - (a) Every Komsomol member must be a member of DOSAAF;
 - (b) The DOSAAF must activize and broaden the military training of the youth;
 - (c) Both the Komsomol and DOSAAF must intensify their propaganda against the Anglo-US imperialists and instil in the youth hate and contempt for the Anglo-US imperialists.

CW and Antiaircraft Defense Measures for Schoolchildren

"In autumn 1953 the members of the Young Pioneers organization within the schools of the Estonian SSR were issued the following pieces of training equipment:

- (a) 'DP-1' - a children's gas mask which is a smaller version of the ordinary civilian box-respirator of the type 'BN'. The Pioneers must learn:
 - (1) To don the gas mask within five seconds after the signal of 'Chemical Alarm' is sounded;
 - (2) To wear the gas mask 'DP-1' for 30 minutes, of which 20 minutes must be spent in movement;

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- (3) To take off, clean and pack up the gas mask into its cloth field case in three minutes;
- (4) To find possible defects in the gas mask and to take care of the gas mask.

(b) Children's protective overalls and rubber boots. The overall is made of green rubber-impregnated cotton and serves as a protection when one has to go through contaminated areas.

"In addition, all Estonian schoolchildren (even those who are not Pioneers) must get eight hours of training during 1953-54 in the following subjects:

- (a) The changes school life will undergo if a 'state of danger' is proclaimed;
- (b) The basic rules of antiaircraft, antichemical and antifire defense;
- (c) The signals for antiaircraft, antichemical and fire alarms;
- (d) Where schoolchildren must go, what they must do and whom they must obey in case of antiaircraft, antichemical or fire alarms.

"At every school a 'school group of self-defense' has been organized. The members must be Pioneers. The group works on the lines of the MPVO (local antiaircraft defense) groups. The leader of the school group is the teacher of physical training (games and athletics master)."

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